

REMARKS

The foregoing Amendment and remarks which follow are responsive to the Final Office Action mailed January 4, 2005 in relation to the above-identified patent application. By this Amendment, Applicant has amended independent Claims 1 and 19 in the manner previously discussed with Examiner Lewis during a series of telephone interviews conducted in relation to the present application. Applicant respectfully submits that the changes to independent Claims 1 and 19 highlighted above now place the present application into condition for allowance.

On the basis of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully submits that the stated grounds of rejection have been overcome and that Claims 1-9, 11 and 19-24 are now in condition for allowance. An early Notice of Allowance is therefore respectfully requested.

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